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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
FINE STRUCTURED MEMBER,
METHOD FOR PRODUCING
FINE HOLLOW STRUCTURED
MEMBER AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING LIQUID
DISCHARGE HEAD

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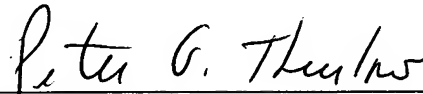
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited references were first called to Applicants' attention in a European Patent Search Report dated December 2, 2003 for counterpart European Patent Application No. 03015757.2-2304-. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited documents.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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